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## ***The Charter Oak and Season State Park Pass***

With the onset of warmer weather, it is a good time to get out and enjoy some of our state parks. The CT Department of Environmental Protection offers two passes for those who use the parks frequently. The Charter Oak Pass provides Connecticut residents who are 65 years of age or older free life-time access to our State Parks and Forests. For those under 65 years of age, the DEP offers CT residents a special season park pass for a yearly fee of \$40.00.

The passes are accepted at all day use areas in Connecticut State Parks and Forest Recreation areas including the grounds of Gillette Castle and Dinosaur State Park, Quinebaug Valley Hatchery fishing ponds and boat launching areas. They are not, however, valid for camping. The passes allow free parking for vehicles with a valid window sticker.

To obtain a Charter Oak Pass by mail send a legible photocopy of your current CT drivers license or other legal proof of age and residency to:

**DEP Charter Oak Pass, State Parks Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.**

To purchase a season pass by mail, send a check for \$40.00, payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" to:  
**DEP, Licensing and Revenue, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.**

Also feel free to contact the DEP by phone at **860-424-3200** if you have questions or visit their website at [www.dep.state.ct.us](http://www.dep.state.ct.us). The season pass is available at all major state parks, and both the Charter Oak Pass and the season pass may be obtained in person at the following locations:

**DEP Eastern District H.Q.**  
209 Hebron Road, Marlborough  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
(860) 295-9523

**DEP Office of Boating**  
333 Ferry Road, Old Lyme  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
(860) 434-8638

**Quinebaug Valley Hatchery**  
Cady Lane, Danielson  
Monday - Friday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
(860) 564-7542

**Fort Griswold Battlefield St. Park**  
Park Avenue, Groton  
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)  
Daily: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
(860) 445-1729

**Fort Trumbull State Park**  
90 Walbach Street, New London  
(Memorial Day through Columbus Day)  
Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
(860) 444-7591

**Harkness Memorial State Park**  
275 Great Neck Road, Waterford  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
(860) 443-5725

Whether it is taking a walk, picnicking, or just enjoying some fresh air and sunshine, Connecticut's state parks are a great accessible resource for us all to enjoy. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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